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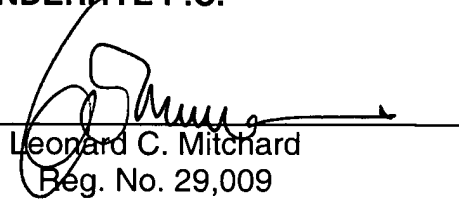
STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

In response to the Interview Summary Record attached to the Notice of Allowance mailed July 15, 2003, the undersigned hereby confirms the interview held on July 9, 2003. It was noted that patentably distinct markush compounds are present in claim 14 which are independent to each other and have acquired a separate status in the art shown by their different classification. The Examiner indicated that allowable subject matter (where m is 2 or 3) is found. To expedite prosecution, it was requested that the Markush species where m=1 be canceled without prejudice.

Respectfully submitted,

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